

## CROOK ALMOST ESCAPES PRISON TERM BY SUBSTITUTING INNOCENT SAILOR

San Francisco, Cal.—An original chapter was added to the annals of criminology recently when Alfred Johansen, brought here from China to serve three years in San Quentin for forgery committed in Shanghai, convinced prison authorities and federal officials alike that he was the victim of one of the boldest substitution cases in the world's history.

Involved in the mystery which is engrossing the attention of the police of three countries are the United States courts at Shanghai, the U. S. consul at the same place, the army transport service, the local federal courts and the office of the U. S. attorney general at Washington, D. C.

Johansen, who was received by the local authorities under the name of "P. A. Grimes," declared that he was not Grimes at all, and had never heard of Grimes. He said he was a sailor on a Norwegian tramp steamer, and that while ashore at Nagasaki, Japan, was kidnaped and placed on board the U. S. transport Sheridan, on which he arrived here to serve Grimes' sentence.

The real Peter Grimes, whose victim the sailor was, has since been arrested at Nagasaki and will be returned here to serve his sentence.

Grimes, who by his daring and ingenuity conceived and almost consummated the kidnaping plot, is the wayward son of a wealthy man of Pittsburgh, Pa. He recently served a year in San Quentin, Cal., for forgery under the name of Jas. H. Rodgers. Last August he went to Shanghai and there was arrested after having passed bad checks. He was sentenced to three years in the California penitentiary.

How the real Grimes disappeared and the false Grimes was substituted is a mystery not yet wholly unraveled, although a U. S. marshal in the Orient has been involved.



Upper, Alfred Johansen, Norwegian sailor, who was kidnaped, and below, Peter A. Grimes, the forger.

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